

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**JULY 17, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on July 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Eric Roberts, absent.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Grant Reeves, Attorney – Elkhorn Estates:** Grant Reeves gave a short background of the decade long issues with the roads in Elkhorn Estates. The question for Commissioners was if the roads are brought up to the standards as required by the County, will Commissioners agree to take over the road maintenance and put the roads in the County's road inventory? The developer did maintain a road bond as required up until 2017. Anthony Smart with Ewbank & Kramer also spoke to the Commissioners on behalf of the developer. His primary goal was to ascertain from the Commissioners what is required at this time to get the roads up to specs and then turn over to County inventory. No Homeowners Association was established to maintain the roads in the subdivision. Mr. Linkel recommended that Mr. Smart find a County record that shows that the County agreed to take over the roads once they were brought up to spec. No other action taken at this time.

**Gary Marks – Hickory Woods:** Back in 2004 there was a petition to vacate the Hickory Woods roadway which was denied. This roadway has been abandoned by the County. Mr. Marks would like to be a gate up and clean up this area. There are presently 137 lots that would be given a code access. Both Commissioner Wilson and Linkel stressed that the other two landowners could not be landlocked. Mr. Marks stated that if the road was not vacated then the County need to do some upkeep on the road as it was currently in bad shape. Mr. Marks will follow up with Glenn Bailey, Surveyor, to make sure the landowners are not landlocked before filing a petition to vacate. No other action taken at this time.

**Joe Copeland, FC Engineer – New Agreement (Ted Cooley):** Mr. Copeland presented a revised agreement between the County and Mr. Cooley for engineering services on the NRCS project on Big Cedar. Motion to accept the Ted Cooley Agreement for the Embankment Stabilization Project on Big Cedar Road by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Request to Post Speed Limit:** There has been a speed limit request from a resident on State Line Road between Schoenling Road (Ohio) and Mortashed Road. This request originated from Butler County, Ohio. A speed zoning report has been done and the recommended speed limit is 45. Mr. Copeland will get with Butler County on posting of a sign for the speed limit.

**Fuel Pump Software Upgrade:** The Highway Department is in need of doing a software update for the fuel pumps. Currently Kevin has control of the pumps on his computer and his computer is old. If something should happen to his computer they fuel pumps would be inoperable. We have no maintenance agreement with W.C. Storey. This will upgrade the system and move it to Jacque's control. The representative from Storey said that the price will go up next year and since Jacque has the money, we would like to do the upgrade now. **Motion to upgrade the fuel pump software for \$2,873.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Bridge 72 on Last Road:** The County is having trouble holding the road together with existing installed pipes. The original backfill material used and installation was bad. The pipes are too small for the water flow. This bridge is currently scheduled to be replaced in 2020 and we will need to move it up on the schedule. Mr. Copeland is recommending that a request for additional appropriation be filed in August for use of the Rainy-Day fund. The projected cost for the replacement of this bridge is \$161,200.00.

**New Trenton Drainage Study:** Mr. Copeland will forward the New Trenton area drainage study and improvements to Susan Craig.

**Proposed 2019 Highway Budget:** Mr. Copeland presented the Highway's 2019 proposed budget requests to the Commissioners and presented a copy to the Auditor. Mr. Linkel signed the proposed 2019 budget as presented.

**Infinite-Speed Half Mile Racing Events:** Shorty Whittington, Eddie Perry and several taxpayers were in attendance following the first Infinite-Speed Half Mile Racing Event that took place on July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. At the first event, there were 20 cars entered and 200 spectators, with 3 on-duty officers and ambulance and EMS on standby. Mr. Whittington stated that they were following up with APC and the zoning issues that were raised. Overall it was a successful event. Mr. Kuntz, a local farmer, was at the meeting to ask the Commissioners several questions about Three Mile Road being closed. A lot of traffic is being diverted to other roads that are not being maintained to handle that much traffic. He asked why the County was allowing the closing of a public road for a private event. Other taxpayers asked why traffic was allowed down Three Mile Road while cars were racing. There are not guardrails or barriers in place which raises the County's liability. One taxpayer was told he would have to wait awhile before being allowed to travel down Three Mile Road to his property. The County provided three on-duty deputies from the Sheriff's office. Mr. Wilson stated that traffic is supposed to be stopped while the cars are racing. Mr. Wilson further believes that the racing events will bring tourism into the County. That taxpayers stated that they do not think it will bring tourism in to benefit the County and the only one getting the benefit is the private landowner. Mr. Linkel stated that this was the first event and asked that everybody give it a chance.

**Karla Bauman, Auditor – Umbaugh (proposed Financial Advisory Services – TIF):** Auditor Bauman explained to the Commissioners the need for the County to seek the services of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates to help the Auditor's office clean up the issues currently with the three

TIF districts being maintained in the LOW software system. The Auditor explained the issues she saw with the software program. In Brookville's TIF the following issues were identified: 13 parcels are County parcels but are in the Brookville's TIF and are having assessments captured; 137 residential parcels with increment assessments being captured and 48 parcels that have ZERO original base assessed values with no explanation for why. The issues were first identified back in 2015 but no action was taken to correct it then. Auditor Bauman stated the issues with TIF was brought to her attention in February when the State called and questioned why a parcel's base assessed value was zero. The Auditor is wanting to retain the services of Umbaugh to review all the TIFS being maintained in the Low system for accuracy. It may require going back to the beginning and moving forward manually to see if the number are correct and make any corrections if needed. **Motion to sign the agreement with Umbaugh, contingent upon County Council funding, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.**

Auditor Bauman also presented to the Commissioners a memo from Commissioner, Wesley R. Bennett dated January 5, 2017 in regards to Political Subdivision Dashboard. This memo addressed I.C. 5-14.3-9-5 wherein political subdivisions are required to provide a link to the Indiana Transparency Internet website. The Auditor did have the link as required on the dashboard of the Franklin County's website. Somebody has modified the dashboard and removed that link. The Auditor was bringing this to the Commissioners' attention so that they knew that the link was required by law and that the Auditor would not be responsible for making sure it was on there. The Commissioners can maintain the dashboard information.

**Approve Minutes – July 3, 2018: Motion to approve the July 3, 2018 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.**

**Approve Claims: Motion to approve all claims as presented by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.**

**Approve Payroll and Payroll Deduction Claims: Motion to approve payroll and payroll deduction claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.**

**Clerk, Veteran Officer & Treasurer June, 2018 reports: Motion to acknowledge the Clerk's, Veteran Officer's and Treasurer's June, 2018 report by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried.**

**GIS Limited Use Agreement – Jones-Warner Consultants: Motion to approve the GIS Limited Use Agreement with Jones-Warner Consultants, by Tom Wilson, seconded Tom Linkel, motion carried.**

**Letter of Support – IN Rural Opioid Consortium: motion to sign the letter of support to file a class action lawsuit by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried.**

**Ordinance 2018-10 – Credit Card Policy: After a short discussion about the use of credit cards, the commissioners agreed that the Auditor shall close all Staple Credit Cards (store cards)**

effective September 1, 2018. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-10, an ordinance establishing a comprehensive credit card policy for Franklin County, Indiana, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.**

**Ordinance 2018-11: An Ordinance amending ordinance 2012-27:** Ordinance 2018-09 approved July 3, 2018 is hereby repealed and replaced with Ordinance 2018-11.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried.**

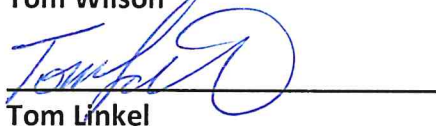
**Minutes approved July 31, 2018.**

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Wayne Monroe, Gary R. Marks, Loyd Crump, Eddie Perry, Shorty Whittington, Dennis Kolb, Makenna Mays, Joe Copeland, Danielle Jentger, Dianna Koesoer, Jerry Ziegler, Jason Laudick, Sara Duffy, Scott Kreuzman, Jacque Collins and Marty Han (E & H Bridge).

**AYES:**



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel

**NAYS:**

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

**Eric Roberts Absent 7/17/18 meeting.**

**Attested By:**



Karla J. Bauman

Franklin County Auditor